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Dear Ms. Faulk:

This is my comment on Proposed GR 30, Electronic Filing:

I have no problem with the courts allowing and encouraging electronic filing. What I object to is making it mandatory. I don't think any court should be allowed to make electronic filing mandatory for attorneys, or for anyone else for that matter. The Federal Courts do this, but they have a much more limited caseload. For superior and district courts, you have thousands of attorneys using the system, not all of whom are set up to file electronically.

I myself have e-mail and internet access, but it is not my primary form of communication, and the computer I use for it is at home, not at the office. I still create documents and print them out on a non-internet computer, and either send them by messenger or mail, or drop them in the clerk's office if I'm at the courthouse. It would be extremely inconvenient for me to scan in each and every document I produce, or convert to a form where it could be sent electronically.

It's not just about pressing the "send" button. I practice family law, and many of our required filings include tax returns, paystubs and other financial documents. We already have to copy them for our files, opposing counsel, and working copies. If they were required to be filed electronically, we would also have to scan a mountain of documents into electronic form. This would add a lot of labor into each case, which the client would have to pay for.

The rule allows for paper filing upon showing of good cause. But I shouldn't have to ask for permission to file papers. And there shouldn't be different rules for attorneys and pro se's. As an attorney, I should have the right to file paper documents just like anyone else. If the clerks have too much paper to deal with, maybe we should look at reducing the volume of documents we're required to file.

Thank you for your consideration,

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